

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the

THE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday the 25th January
2016 in **NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL** at 6.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Gooch, Artis, Fox, Wignall, Coulton, Turner, Mather, Garside, Barnes, Welch, Alsop and Riley

There were also eight members of the public present

10/16 To receive Apologies

None

11/16 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gooch declared a personal interest in item 4 on the agenda relating to the provision of funding for a bus service since he is a County Councillor something which has been declared on his Register of Interests.

12/16 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

A resident stated that she felt it was vital for the village of New Longton that a bus service was retained. She felt that the young, old and those without cars needed a bus service to attend college, doctors, dentist and churches to name but a few. She was supported by other residents present although one did remark that on some services there was little usage and that a balance had to be maintained and should only be provided to meet need.

The meeting was reconvened

It was then resolved that the public should be excluded from the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

13/16 To consider whether this Council should now go ahead with the provision of funding to provide a replacement bus service for New Longton (papers have already been circulated with full details) Tom Calderbank from Preston Bus was present to go through the proposals for members which were outlined in the papers that had already been circulated and are now held on file.

It was resolved that this Council should go ahead with the provision of funding to the extent of £50K in order to replace the current bus service for New Longton which was at threat due to LCC's likely subsidy withdrawal.